

**MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
MAY 11, 2015**

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CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Donna Rajczewski, Town Clerk.

The following members were present:

From District I, there were 11 members present, 3 absent.
From District II, there were 9 members present, 7 absent.
From District III, there were 10 members present, 6 absent.
From District IV, there were 14 members present, 1 absent.
From District V, there were 15 members present, 2 absent.
From District VI, there were 15 members present, 0 absent.

The absentees from District I were: Buchesky, DuPont, Dweck.

The absentees from District II were: Conroy, Keith, Marston, McNally, Mundt,
Sartori, Sawitsky.

The absentees from District III were: Camuti, Coyle Downs, Hegarty, Maroney, Morton,
Schulz-Amatruda.

The absentee from District IV was: Domittner.

The absentees from District V were: Hennessy, LeHan.

The Moderator, Sarah Seelye, assumed the Chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

**** THE AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2015 MEETING

**** THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator welcomed all of the elected officials present this evening.

The Moderator noted the death of Sam Schoonmaker, a long-time member of the RTM, and called for a Moment of Silence in his memory.

The Moderator said that Seth Morton was in the hospital recuperating from extensive surgery.

The Moderator reviewed a press release from the Police Department regarding the resurfacing of I-95 on both sides starting this evening at 8:30 pm and continuing through November.

The Moderator said that information on tonight's RTM meeting can be accessed through darienct.gov.

The Moderator introduced and welcomed the following 4 new members of the RTM: Christopher Conroy, District II; Bert Von Stuelpnagel, District I; Susan Lauritzen, District VI and Edward Washecka, District III.

The Moderator reviewed the process to be followed this evening.

Town Clerk Donna Rajczewski announced that dog licensing starts in June. Postcards to everyone with a licensed dog will go out in May.

15-8

APPROPRIATION OF \$60,000,000 FOR REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OF THE TOWN'S BONDS AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$60,000,000) TO REFUND CERTAIN OF THE TOWN'S OUTSTANDING BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$60,000,000) is appropriated to fund the redemption and the payment, in whole or in part, as determined by the First Selectman, the Town Treasurer, the Board of Finance or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance and the Finance Director of the Town of Darien (the "Town"), of the outstanding principal, accrued interest and any call premium on all or any portion of any issue of the Town's General Obligation Bonds including, but not limited to, the Town's General Obligation Bonds issued in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (the "Prior Bonds"), together with the costs of issuance including, but not limited to, any applicable consultants' fees, legal fees, trustee and escrow agent fees, investment fees, verification fees, underwriters' fees and other financing or transactional costs and other expenses related to the payment or redemption of such bonds for the purposes of refunding them.

Section 2. The Town is hereby authorized to issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$60,000,000) (the "Refunding Bonds"), to fund the appropriation authorized by Section 1 of this resolution, provided that the issuance of such Refunding Bonds achieves present value debt service savings for the Town. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-370c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and any other provision of law thereto enabling. The Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

Section 3. The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer shall sign the Refunding Bonds by either manual or facsimile signatures and the law firm designated as bond counsel is authorized to approve the legality of the Refunding Bonds.

Section 4. The First Selectman, the Town Treasurer, the Board of Finance or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance and the Finance Director, or any three of them, are authorized to determine which of the Prior Bonds are to be redeemed and the amount, date, interest rates and interest mode, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the Refunding Bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Refunding Bonds and escrow agent with respect to the refunding escrow or escrows to be funded with proceeds of the Refunding Bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the Refunding Bonds; to sell the Refunding Bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the Refunding Bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the Refunding Bonds.

Section 5. The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer are authorized to call irrevocably for redemption such of the maturities of the Prior Bonds, as they shall determine to refund from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and other moneys as they may determine to make available for this purpose and to defease such Prior Bonds by executing and delivering an escrow agreement in such form and upon such terms as they shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof.

Section 6. The First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Director, or any two of them, are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Refunding Bonds authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 7. The First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Director, or any one of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the Refunding Bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as she or he deems advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such Refunding Bonds.

Section 8. The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to effectuate the refunding of all or a

portion of the Prior Bonds and to issue Refunding Bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the Town with underwriters, trustees, escrow agents and others to facilitate the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon and the payment of the Prior Bonds in whole or in part.

Section 9. Any authorized but unissued portions of previous refunding authorizations are rescinded.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of Finance & Budget, read the Committee report (attached).

**** ITEM 15-8 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 72 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-9

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, AS FOLLOWS:

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance of the Town of Darien approved the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 Budget at a meeting on April 7, 2015;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby adopts the following appropriations for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 budget;

- A. An appropriation in the General Fund to the Selectmen's Operating Budget of \$46,755,027;

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of Finance & Budget, read the committee report (attached).

Mark Adiletta, District V, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Adele Conniff, District III, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, read the committee report (attached).

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson presented her remarks (attached).

**** ITEM 15-9A CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 71 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION.**

15-9B

**** PETER KELLY, DISTRICT I, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby adopts the following appropriations for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 budget;

B. An appropriation in the General Fund to the Education Operating Budget of \$90,722,526;

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Peter Kelly, District I, Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee, read the Education Committee report (attached).

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of Finance & Budget, read the committee report (attached).

Elizabeth Haggerty Ross, Chairman of the Board of Education, read the Board report (attached).

**** ITEM 15-9B CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 72 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-9C

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby adopts the following appropriations for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 budget;

C. That the above appropriations, totaling \$137,477,553 are for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Town of Darien for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 as shown by the budget this day approved.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

**** ITEM 15-9C CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

15-9D

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby adopts the following appropriations for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 budget;

D. Appropriations for other funds are hereby made below for the 2015-2016 fiscal year as shown by the budget this day approved;

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| 1. From the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures | \$ 4,271,977 |
| 2. From the Sewer Operating Fund | \$ 3,648,489 |
| 3. From the Sewer Assessment Fund | \$ 550,000 |
| 4. From the Sewer Capital Fund | \$ 408,000 |
| 5. From the Parking Lot Administration Fund | \$ 786,668 |
| 6. From the Parking Lot Capital Fund | \$ 235,850 |

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

**** ITEM 15-9D CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 73 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-9E

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby adopts the following appropriations for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 budget;

E. That a tax of 15.35 mills is hereby levied upon the last complete grand list of the Town with a total net assessment of \$8,356,198,215 on property as of October 1, 2014 payable in two equal semi-annual installments, the first installment to become due and payable on July 1, 2015 and the second installment to become due and payable on January 1, 2016, provided however that:

1. Any taxpayer may pay both of said installments on July 1, 2015;
2. The personal property tax on motor vehicles in said Town shall become due and payable in one single installment on July 1, 2015.
3. Any property tax in any amount not in excess of one hundred (\$100) dollars shall become due and payable in one single installment on July 1, 2015.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

**** ITEM 15-9E CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 71 IN FAVOR, 2 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-9F

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby adopts the following appropriations for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 budget;

F. That the Town of Darien, acting through its Board of Selectmen, and subject to the approval of said Town at the Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to be held May 11, 2015, be authorized to borrow on the note or notes of the Town the sum of five million (\$5,000,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for the general expenses of the Town pending the collection of either or both of said semi-annual installments of taxes on or prior to June 30, 2016.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

**** ITEM 15-9F CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 73 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-10

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROPRIATION OF \$285,500 TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE BOAT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,500

**** JAMES PATRICK, DISTRICT V, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has interest in purchasing a new police boat; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectman have reviewed this proposal and support the funding for this by virtue of the sale of bonds.

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RTM hereby approves the appropriation of two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars 00/100 (\$285,000.00) for the purchase of a new police boat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Darien hereby approves the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars 00/100 (\$285,000.00) to meet said appropriation. This is more particularly set forth in the resolution attached hereto and made part hereof.

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$285,000
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BOAT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,000 TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$285,000 is appropriated for the cost of the purchase of a boat for the use of the Town of Darien's (the "Town") Police Department including all administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto (the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all state and federal grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, and in lieu of a tax therefor, \$285,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of the state and federal grants-in-aid on the Project, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent, and the paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended (the "General Statutes").

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the Town Treasurer, or any Town official designated by the Town Treasurer in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest true interest cost to the Town. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance.

Section 4. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to issue and sell temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest rate, form and other details of such notes pursuant to the General Statutes. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount authorized hereby and for the Project defined herein with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the Town. Such bonds, notes or other obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds and to amend this declaration.

Section 6. The First Selectman, Town Treasurer and Finance Officer or any one of them are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the

bonds and notes authorized by this resolution and to perform all acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue and deliver the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Officer, or any one of them, are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years. Should such bonds or notes issues in anticipation of such bonds be issued in such form and manner that the interest on such bonds or notes is includable in the gross income of the holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, then it is hereby determined that the issuance of such taxable bonds or notes is in the public interest.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Patrick, District V, Chairman of the Public Health & Safety Committee, read the committee's report (attached).

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Lois Schneider, District I, said that the original boat had been purchased through a public/private partnership, and she asked why this wasn't being done this time. Chief Lovello said the last boat was purchased with private donations, with a large donation coming from the Darien Technology Foundation. He said he would urge and support the RTM's purchase. In 2006, that purchase was a result of a citizen coming forward, which is not the case now.

Spencer McIlMurray, District II, said that fuel consumption was only 1,500 gallons per year. He asked if they could look at a certified, pre-owned boat that would serve their needs as well. Chief Lovello said they had looked at that, but it is not an efficient way to purchase a boat for this use. Mr. McIlMurray asked if there would be increased maintenance for the new equipment that would be offset by the lower fuel costs. Chief Lovello said there would be a warranty for the first year, but there is maintenance involved in that.

**** ITEM 15-10 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 63 IN FAVOR, 6 OPPOSED, 3 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-11

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROPRIATION OF \$220,000 TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN HYDRONIC BASEBOARD HEATING SYSTEM AT 35 LEROY AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has interest in purchasing and installation of a new hydronic baseboard heating system at 35 Leroy Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance and Board of Selectman have reviewed this proposal and support the funding for this by virtue of the sale of bonds.

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RTM hereby approves the appropriation of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars 00/100 (\$220,000.00) for the purchase and installation of a hydronic baseboard heating system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Darien hereby approves the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars 00/100 (\$220,000.00) to meet said appropriation. This is more particularly set forth in the resolution attached hereto and made part hereof.

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$220,000
FOR THE HEATING SYSTEM PROJECT
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000 TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$220,000 is appropriated for the Heating System Project including the planning, design, purchase and installation of a hydronic baseboard heating system for the building located at 35 Leroy Street in the Town of Darien (the "Town") including all alterations, repairs and improvements in connection therewith as well as engineering, architectural and administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto (the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all state and federal grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, and in lieu of a tax therefor, \$220,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of the state and federal grants-in-aid on the Project, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and

other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent, and the paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended (the "General Statutes").

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the Town Treasurer, or any Town official designated by the Town Treasurer in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest true interest cost to the Town. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance.

Section 4. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to issue and sell temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest rate, form and other details of such notes pursuant to the General Statutes. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount authorized hereby and for the Project defined herein with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the Town. Such bonds, notes or other obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Board of Finance, or any Town

official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds and to amend this declaration.

Section 6. The First Selectman, Town Treasurer and Finance Officer or any one of them are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution and to perform all acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue and deliver the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Officer, or any one of them, are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years. Should such bonds or notes issues in anticipation of such bonds be issued in such form and manner that the interest on such bonds or notes is includable in the gross income of the holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, then it is hereby determined that the issuance of such taxable bonds or notes is in the public interest.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

**** ITEM 15-11 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 67 IN FAVOR, 2 OPPOSED, 3 ABSTENTIONS.**

Peter Kelly, District I, Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee, read the committee report (attached).

15-12

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROPRIATION OF \$705,000 FOR VARIOUS PAVING AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$705,000

**** MARK ADILETTA, DISTRICT V, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien recognizes the need to improve the paving at various sites and parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has approved this funding; and

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RTM hereby approves the appropriation of seven hundred and five thousand dollars 00/100 (\$705,000.00) for various paving and parking lots improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Darien hereby approves the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of seven hundred and five thousand dollars 00/100 (\$705,000.00) to meet said appropriation. This is more particularly set forth in the resolution attached hereto and made part hereof.

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$705,000
FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$705,000 TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$705,000 is appropriated for Various Road Improvements including the cost of the planning, design, construction , reconstruction, repair and resurfacing of various roads, sidewalks and parking lots in the Town of Darien (the "Town") including all surveys, alterations, repairs and improvements in connection therewith as well as engineering, architectural and administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto (the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all state and federal grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, and in lieu of a tax therefor, \$705,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of the state and federal grants-in-aid on the Project, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent, and the paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or

rates of interest, shall be determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended (the "General Statutes").

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the Town Treasurer, or any Town official designated by the Town Treasurer in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest true interest cost to the Town. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance.

Section 4. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to issue and sell temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest rate, form and other details of such notes pursuant to the General Statutes. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount authorized hereby and for the Project defined herein with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the Town. Such bonds, notes or other obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds and to amend this declaration.

Section 6. The First Selectman, Town Treasurer and Finance Officer or any one of them are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based

information repositories (the “Repositories”) and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution and to perform all acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue and deliver the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Officer, or any one of them, are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years. Should such bonds or notes issues in anticipation of such bonds be issued in such form and manner that the interest on such bonds or notes is includable in the gross income of the holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, then it is hereby determined that the issuance of such taxable bonds or notes is in the public interest.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Mark Adiletta, District V, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, read the report of the committee (attached).

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Peter Kelly, District I, Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Liz Mao, Chairman of the Board of Finance, said the Town projects and Board of Education projects had all been considered together to take advantage of lower bond costs. She asked the RTM to support this request.

**** ITEM 15-12 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 69 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, 2 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-13

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF \$444,000 FOR DEMOLITION OF FORMER SENIOR CENTER ON EDGERTON STREET

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the Darien Senior Center moved from Edgerton Street to the Mather Center;

WHEREAS, the former Senior Center building does not appear to have another use or tenant as it exists today;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined they may need the site but not the building;

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance previously approved funds for the demolition of the former Senior Center located on Edgerton Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RTM hereby approves the appropriation of four hundred and forty-four thousand dollars 00/100 (\$444,000.00) from the fund balance for the demolition of the building which previously housed the Senior Center and which is located on Edgerton Street, Darien, CT.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Edgar Hawkins, District VI, Vice-Chairman of the PZ&H Committee, read that committee's report (attached).

Edward Washecka, District III, asked how the Town would know if a better bid was available now, and he said they should wait until they decide what to do with the property before demolishing it. Karl Kilduff, Town Administrator, said that the Town is a member of COG. They have used this program for different demolitions in the past, and it has worked well from a price standpoint. If they went out on their own, they run the risk of seasonal volatility of hazardous abatement. This is the best price they can get.

**** ITEM 15-13 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 61 IN FAVOR, 7 OPPOSED, 3 ABSTENTIONS.**

15-14

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF \$35,000 FOR DEMOLITION OF TOWN-OWNED BUILDING AT 32 HOYT STREET

**** JAMES PALEN, DISTRICT VI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien previously acquired land and building located at 32 Hoyt Street; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the acquisition of said property by the RTM was the demolition of the building located on said property; and

WHEREAS, various bids were received for the demolition of said property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Finance has previously approved said funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RTM hereby approves the appropriation of thirty-five thousand dollars 00/100 (\$35,000.00) from the fund balance to be used for the demolition of said property.

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

James Palen, District VI, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

**** ITEM 15-14 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 68 IN FAVOR, 2 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

**** UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 10 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco Blois
Telesco Secretarial Services

BUDGET ITEMS

DISTRICT 1	(15-8)	(15-9A)	(15-9B)	(15-9D)	(15-9E)	(15-9F)	(15-10)	(15-11)	(15-12)	(15-13)	(15-14)
Buchesky	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Bumgardner	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Butler	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Conologue	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes
Conze	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Dupont	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Dweck	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Hayes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Keane	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes
Kelly	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Pattelli	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Schneider	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
van der Kieft	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
von Stuelpnagel	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	yes

BUDGET ITEMS

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DISTRICT III

BUDGET ITEMS

[illegible]

DISTRICT IV

BUDGET ITEMS

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DISTRICT V	(15-8)	BUDGET ITEMS						(15-9F)	(15-10)	(15-11)	(15-12)	(15-13)	(15-14)
	(15-9A)	(15-9B)	(15-9D)	(15-9E)	(15-9F)								
Adiletta	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		abstain		yes		yes	yes	yes
Bates	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	absent
Bayne	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Boulton	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Duffy	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Fead	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Fiveson	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Hayes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Hennessy	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent		absent		absent		absent	absent	absent
LeHan	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent		absent		absent		absent	absent	absent
Lublin	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
McLachlin	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Mosher	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Patrick	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Russell	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Stolar	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes
Young, Rob	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes	yes	yes

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**(15-8) RTM RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS
(\$60,000,000) TO REFUND CERTAIN OF THE TOWN'S OUTSTANDING BONDS
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH
APPROPRIATION**

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the RTM Finance and Budget Committee.

I move RTM Resolution (15-6) Appropriating Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000) To Refund Certain of the Town's Outstanding Bonds and Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

This resolution gives the Board of Finance the ability to issue up to \$60 million to refinance certain of the Town's existing bond obligations without having to come before the RTM. The Resolution specifically stipulates that in order to issue the bonds the transaction must achieve "present value debt service savings for the Town".

The history behind this resolution was that a number of years ago there was an opportunity to refinance some of the town's debt and by the time a Special RTM meeting was convened, the window for favorable refinancing had closed.

The RTM has approved similar resolutions in each of the past years and the BOF has acted under the resolution to strategically take advantage of low interest rates to save the Town substantial interest charges.

It is important to note that this resolution does not impact the requirement for the RTM to approve any new issuances of debt to fund new capital projects.

At it's regular meeting on Monday, May 4 with 9 of 13 members present the F&B committee voted unanimously to recommend that the full RTM approve this resolutions.

Thank you.

James Palen
Chair, Finance & Budget Committee
May 11, 2015

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**(15-9) RTM RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE
JULY, 1 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 BUDGET**

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee.

I move of RTM Resolution (15-9) "Section A" Authorizing and Approving the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 Budget.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of this portion of the Resolution.

The F&B committee met many times during the past 4 months at both regular and special meetings dedicated primarily to discussing and taking action on the Town budget and the resolutions that are before us tonight. These meetings were in addition to the countless meetings that members of the committee attended during the town's budget cycle that began in earnest in early January. Our committee was divided into two subcommittees – the Board of Education Budget subcommittee chaired by Jack Davis and the Board of Selectman Budget subcommittee chaired by Robert Cardone. Kirk Hoffman served as the committee's Clerk and deserves a special thank you for his speedy turn of our minutes following numerous long and late meetings.

I would like to take this time to thank the Board of Education, Board of Selectman, Board of Finance and the many town staff for their significant work over the past five months working to put together this year's budget and attending many of our meetings. Virtually all of our elected officials are volunteers and they each dedicate significant time and effort to the budget process.

In summary, our town is in good shape. The budget that is before us tonight represents a significantly lower increase in our taxes than the one adopted last year. The Town of Darien's credit rating remains at 'Aaa' from Moody's, our town continues to deliver great services, it has strong emergency services, has wonderful parks, continues to invest in great facilities and is constantly recognized for the high quality of education that it delivers. We are further benefited from the many volunteer organizations in town including Post 53 and our three fire departments who serve our community and provide volunteer services that many other towns must pay for out of their budget.

That said, our budget continues to rise year after year as a result of a growing school population, increased wages and healthcare costs for our town's employee and the need to reinvest in our infrastructure to deliver the services that our residents enjoy.

The budget proposed by the Board of Finance this year is \$137.4mm, up \$3.9mm (or 3.3%) over last year's \$133.1mm. This year's increase is substantially lower than the

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5.9% budget increase that we approved last year. In order to fund this year's budget proposed taxation will be \$126.4mm, up 3.3% versus the prior year. The \$11.1mm difference between the \$137.4mm that we spend and the \$126.4mm is collected in taxes from a combination of sources including approximately \$1.0mm drawn down in our cash balances and the remaining from revenues including licenses, permits, fines, charges for services, investment income and a host of other non-property tax sources. Levying the budget against our town's \$8.2bn grand list, which is 1.5% higher than the prior year, results in a mill rate increase of 2.3%. This increase is less than half of last year's 5.8% mill rate increase.

To recap:

Total Budget (spend) is up 3.3%

BOS Budget (defined as BOS operating, BOS capital and BOS/Sewer d/s) is up 2.5%

BOE Budget (defined as BOE operating, BOE capital and BOE d/s) is up 3.6%

Other Revenues are down 1.2%

Taxes are up 3.7%

Grand List is up 1.5%

... Results in Mil Rate that is up 2.3%

Contained in the resolution before you tonight are 6 different items - A through F - the three most important items are: A - Selectman's Operating Budget and B - Education Operating Budget.

The remaining items (C, D, E & F) are more mathematical or administrative as they simply sum up other parts of the budget or generate the necessary mill rate to raise taxes that will be sufficient to fund what we will spend or allow us to borrow short term debt in there is a timing difference between the Town's spending and receipt of tax revenues.

As with the past few years, we expect that the RTM will vote on the items in this resolution separately and as such I will deliver the F&B report on each item and then return the floor to the moderator for discussion and questions.

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Item A – The Selectman’s Operating Budget

The Selectman’s Operating Budget is \$46.8mm, up 4.0% from the prior year.

By way of background, this portion of the budget is comprised of four primary parts:

1. Town Services – Includes public safety, human services, parks & recreation, public works and general government. This is the portion of the budget that the Board of Selectman and the town administrator are responsible for managing. This portion of the budget is \$27.7mm, up \$175k (or 0.6%) from last year. The largest increases in this portion of the budget are the following:

- \$100k – Legal Counsel
- \$422k – Contingency for union contracts which expire on 6/30/2015
- \$128k – Increased Worker’s Compensation premiums
- \$ 178 – Police Retiree Medial Contributions
- (\$592) – Police Pension Contribution
- (\$ 93) – Town Employee Pension Contribution

2. Library Operating Budget - The Library, although privately owned, has it’s operating budget paid by the Town. The Library’s proposed budget is \$3.5mm, up \$23k (or 0.7%) from last year.

3. Debt Service - This debt service, which include that attributable to Town’s capital current and past projects as well as the Board of Education’s current and past capital projects is \$11.3mm, down \$469k (or 1.6%) from last year. The allocation between the debt service is 62% for Board of Education projects, 32% for Town projects and 6% for Sewer projects (which is paid specifically by user fees).

At the end of FY 2016 the Town will have approximately \$77.5mm of outstanding debt, down from \$86.3mm as of the year prior. Based on our current debt amortization schedules, we expect to repay approximately \$8.7mm of debt in the coming year, which after accounting for the \$3mm of new debt that we will discuss later this evening, would lead to a net reduction in debt of \$5.7mm. Barring any major new projects, our debt service level and is expected to significantly decrease in the next few years..

4. Capital Projects - These are the capital projects that are being paid for by levying taxes or spending cash reserves and don’t include those that we will discuss later that will be funded by the issuance of bonds. Capital projects with the total \$4.3mm and are up from \$2.5mm (or 71.7%) last year. This \$4.3mm is broken down between Town projects and Education projects.

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Town projects of \$2.1mm include capital for fire department apparatus replacement, a new public works truck to clean the storm drains, sidewalk rehabilitation.

Board of Education capital projects of \$2.2mm include energy conservation measures in our schools, upgrades to certain heating units, emergency generators and new phone systems and a new band shell for the DHS auditorium among other items.

I would specifically note that the proposed replacement of the \$285,000 for the Police Boat, the \$220,000 installation of heat at 35 Leroy and \$190,000 certain paving have been removed from the operating budgets and will be included in separate resolutions to be discussed as part of separate resolutions. This totals \$695,000 and would have otherwise equated to 0.52% of additional increase in the budget.

One last note on capital - our committee would like to thank the BOS, BOE and town staff for the information that they have provided on many of the recent resolutions and capital projects - it has been very helpful. Going forward, our committee would like to specifically ask that the BOS and BOE provide write-ups for each of the items in the capital budget when they are first proposed so that all of the RTM committees can understand the rationale, cost and benefit implications and strategy behind all of the capital investments - ideally smaller write-up for small ticket items and much larger write-up for larger ticket items.

In summary the Selectman's Operating Budget is as follows:

- Total - \$46.8mm, up 4.0%

- Town Services & Public Safety - \$27.7mm, up 0.6%

- Debt Service (including Town and Education) - \$11.3mm, down 1.6%

- Library Operating Budget - \$3.5mm, up 0.7%

- Capital Projects (including Town and Education) - \$4.3mm, up 71.7%

At our meeting on Monday, May 4th, the F&B Committee voted to approve the Selectman's budget with 8 voting in favor and 1 opposed.

Common themes among those voting **in favor** of the budget:

- A general sense that members of the committee were very pleased with the significant decline in the rate of increase of operating expenses in the budgets.
- Members were also pleased by the significantly lower growth in the rate of tax increase, even after accounting for a doubling of capital in the budget.

Common themes among the vote **against** the budget:

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Although tax increases have come down, spending increases are simply too high and should be limited to the rate of inflation.

****** Return Floor to Moderator ******

Good evening.

My name is *Mark Adiletta* and I am Chair of the Public Works Committee to the RTM.

At our regular meeting April 27th, with 8 of 12 members present, PWC considered and voted unanimously to recommend item 15-9 to the full RTM for approval.

Background:

At our meeting Ed Gentile, the Director of Public Works, went over the Public Works budget and gave the committee a better understanding of the details. He listed the projects included in his budget: Sidewalk Rehab; DPW garage renovation; traffic signal replacements (12 need LED fixtures); Town Hall Fire Alarm System; gym upgrades, and security equipment at Leroy West Commuter Lot ~~(where there has been significant crime)~~, and explained the merits of each. ~~One large capital cost item cited will be the purchase of a new vac truck to clean sewers and storm drains. Given the town history with flooding, the unit plays an important role keeping the storm system functioning optimally. 50% of the cost will come from sewer fund; 50% from general fund.~~

*Vacome Truck
Jim mention*

Mr. Gentile discussed his new Facility Management model ^{implemented} to streamline costs and further improve service. He cited an example whereby instead of continuing to hire an expensive outside company annually, he will hire in-house an HVAC certified employee to manage facilities as this is a recurring high-cost maintenance item town wide. By having certain key capabilities in-house, the expectation is the town will see material cost savings and better control service long term.

The Committee wishes to thank Mr. Gentile for his assistance and transparency with our budget review. Several members noted appreciation for the efforts of the DPW to put in place models to improve the service delivered and attempt to reduce cost at the same time.

Thank you.

May 11, 2015

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
WARNING 15-9
2015-2016 DARIEN TOWN BUDGET

Good evening.

Adele Conniff, District 3, RTM Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on May 4, 2015 with ⁹/₈ of 12 members present to discuss and vote on the Parks and Recreation section of the Town of Darien 2015-16 Budget. The committee was unanimous in their support of this budget.

The anticipated revenue generated by Parks and Recreation in this budget is over \$485,000. That revenue number is equal to approximately one third of the Parks and Recreation 2015-16 total budget. The Parks and Recreation Operating Budget is essentially flat from last year. The Capital and Non-Recurring Budget Request of \$232,500 was reduced to \$82,500 with another \$25,000 being held in the Board of Finance Contingency.

Our committee is pleased to have the Short Lane Property Study funded as well as some funding (\$25,000 in contingency) for updating *The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan*. We are particularly pleased to have \$20,000 in the Capital budget for SAND at Weed Beach.

The budget season is long, starting well before the formal review process begins. Thank you to Jim Coghlan, Interim Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, for keeping our committee well informed . Thank you to committee members for making particular efforts to attend Parks and Recreation Commission meetings as well as the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance Public Hearings. Thank you to the residents who took the time to e-mail their support of the Parks and Recreation budget.

And thank you to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance who listened.

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Good evening Madam Moderator, Fellow Elected Officials, Staff and RTM members and friends watching from home.

I want to publicly thank Jim Cameron, Dave Dever and their staff of operators for helping the Town of Darien set such a high standard in government transparency. Your work is critical, particularly through the budget process and Channel 79 programming is the envy of many First Selectmen and Mayors I talk to.

I also want to thank members of the RTM and Moderator Seelye for diligently following the Board of Selectmen's budget from beginning to end. This is the only way to understand the work and decisions that go into crafting and revising the budget. This year's debate and decisions lay the ground work for next year's budget. The Board of Selectmen benefited from input along the way from members of the RTM and the public. We've made great strides this year in our process and I hope we will continue to make further refinements going forward.

As most of you are aware this year's Board of Selectmen's budget began its creation at last year's RTM meeting where we promised to deliver a restrained 2015-2016 budget. I believe we've done just that by presenting to you an operating budget increase of under 1%. We left this room on May 12, 2014 dedicated to trimming our spending where we could without impacting services. Of course, we were very open to the idea of altering the services we provide in the interest of cutting spending but we received zero public support for doing so. We did, however, under the direction of Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, undertake a mock budget exercise through which we asked department heads to deliver a budget with no more than a 1% increase. All departments were able to comply but not without ill-advised, one-time cuts. This information, however, fed directly into the creation of the 2015-2016 Board of Selectmen's budget you have before you.

On behalf of my board, I respectfully ask you to support a Board of Selectmen operating and capital budget request of \$35.4 million and \$11.3 million in debt service for a total Board of Selectmen's budget of \$46,755,027. It's worthy of note that during our budget deliberation process, the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen cut departmental budget requests by a total of \$3.2 million dollars. Karl Kilduff, Kate Bush and my entire staff should be recognized for their outstanding budget work this year.

The major budget drivers this year are the preservation of current services, reserves for collective bargaining wage settlements, an actuary-advised pension contribution reduction, reduced healthcare costs, increases in package and worker's compensation insurance and a positive trend in utility and commodity pricing. This year, we asked Departments to identify what dollars spend reflect state mandates. Interestingly, 17% or \$5.3 million of the Board of Selectmen's operating budget is driven by state mandates and an additional \$3.5 million or 11% is dedicated to the Darien Public Library Grant.

This year's budget also supports a new model for addressing town facilities needs by hiring a facilities maintenance mechanic into the Public Works staff and to move responsibilities for all town buildings, including park and beach buildings into the Public Works responsibility center.

You will recall that my board formed the Consolidated Services Working Group, a committee comprised of Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education members dedicated to finding opportunities to consolidate non-educational services. The work of this group has resulted in our ability to capitalize on the knowledge of if not the labor pool of the Board of Education facilities department and we are grateful for the collaboration.

Capital budget requests are always a target for reductions or elimination. This year we moved forward important items including the update to the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, a study to begin the process of renovating the Town Garage, funds to study the use of the recently acquired Short Lane property, an update to the town web site, 5 police vehicles, appropriate asset replacement reserves for fire apparatus and public works equipment an upgrade of the Town Hall fire alarm system to bring it up to code and, I'm very pleased to report, funding for a new sidewalk project on Middlesex Road near Darien High School to help insure walking student safety.

Thanks to the vision and sound fiscal management of the Board of Finance, you will also be discussing a few repaving projects that were moved forward for appropriation given a very favorable bonding environment.

I would like to further ask for your support later this evening for the enhanced baseboard heating at 35 Leroy and the police boat. The Board of Selectmen supports the wish of the Board of Education to add to the heating system at central office to make for a better work environment and we strongly support the need for a purpose-build water craft to serve the boating public not only here in Darien but also to support neighboring communities when we are called to do so.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration and support for the Board of Selectmen's 2015-2016 budget.

Thank you.

+ 3.3% increase

RTM Ed Budget

Good evening, I am Peter Kelly from district1, Vice Chair of the Education committee of the RTM

I would like to move 15-9 B, an appropriation of \$90,722,526 in the General fund for the Education operating budget. Do I have a second?

The 2015-2016 Board of Education¹⁵ recommended ~~operating~~ budget balances the educational excellence in which Darien prides itself along with fiscal responsibility. The process begins in the fall with specifications and requests from each department which were evaluated and then finally presented in the Superintendent's proposed budget in January. This budget was reviewed line by line, item by item ~~over to Tonight's meeting to vote on the budget.~~ The budget this year differs from past budgets as this year was zero based budgeting. What this means is the budget was created not working off last year's numbers, but the departments requested what they needed to operate during the next year. Obviously past years numbers play a role, but the process worked much better this year than in years past.

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The ~~2016-2015~~ Board of Education recommended budget is driven mostly by salaries and benefits. The recommended budget is \$90,722,526 and increase of \$ 2,586,559 or 2.93%. This number is much less than in previous years in which the Education¹⁵ budget increase^{have} has ranged from 3.8%¹⁵ to 5.90%. ^{We} think that^{this} displays the effectiveness of this year's budget process and the Board and administration should be proud of their efforts.

The main drivers of the increase are as usual personnel and enrollment. The projected increase of 26 students in the district and negotiated contracts brings the personnel increase of \$ 1,883,531 ~~which is 73% of the increase.~~

There are also significant investments in technology. The \$200,000 increase funds new smart boards, laboratory tool upgrades, wireless upgrades and mobile cart upgrades.

The Education committee met on 27 April 2015 with 11 of 16 members present comprising a quorum and voted unanimously to support the request and recommend the RTM do the same.

The Education committee would like to thank publicly the Board of Education for listening to this body at ~~the last budget meeting where we requested to lower the expenditures over prior years.~~ ^{year's} We would also like to publicly thank the administration especially the Superintendent, Dr. Lynne B. Pierson. Dr. Pierson is an interim superintendent ~~in name only.~~ Her professionalism and leadership are exemplary and have shown this committee how a true Superintendent operates. We look forward to the new Superintendent, Dr. Dan Brenner taking control in the summer, but would like to ask for a round of applause for Dr. Pierson for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Kelly

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Darien.*

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Item B – The Education Operating Budget

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee.

Thank you Mr. Kelly and the Education Committee for a very thorough report on the Board of Education budget. I will try to be brief and repeat as little as possible.

The Board of Education Operating Budget is \$90.7mm, up \$2.6mm (or 2.9%) from the last year. The year before the budget increased \$4.9mm (or 5.9%) from the prior year.

There are a handful of items driving this year's increase in the Board of Education budget:

Student Population – The student population is expected to increase by 0.5% that will necessitate the hiring of a few new teachers.

Health Insurance – This is up \$720kmm or 6.1% versus last year. This projected increase noticeably lower than last year's of almost 10% and reflects that the fact that a majority of teachers and administrators have transitioned to an HSA program, which generally costs less, and the BOE continuing to rebid Health Insurance annually

Teachers Salaries – 2015-16 will be the first year of a new 2-year teacher contract that was recently negotiated and approved by the union and the Board of Education. This contract is expected to deliver al-in wage increases to teachers of 3.3% versus last year after accounting for step-increases and grid-increases.

Excess Cost Reimbursement Grants - The budget assumes that the Grant for special education expenses from the State of CT will be \$1.8mm which is approximately 68-70% of the projected Excess Grant Submission which is the same conservative estimate that was budgeted last year).

At our meeting on Monday, May 4th, with 9 members present, the F&B Committee voted to approve the Education Operating budget with 8 in favor and 1 opposed.

**** Return Floor to Moderator ****

Good Evening, Madame Moderator, members of the RTM, Mrs. Stevenson, members of the Board of Selectmen, Mrs. Mao, members of the Board of Finance, elected officials, and community members there has been significant change over the past two years in the Darien Public School system. We have been fortunate to have Dr. Lynne Pierson as our Interim Superintendent who led the change not only in our schools but also in our budget process.

Dr. Pierson and Mr. Feeney, our Director of Finance and Operations, challenged our Administrators and Department chairs to build the 2015-2016 budget on a modified zero base. The process began by reviewing the current expenditure levels and projecting them into the 2015-2016 budget year in order to maintain the academic excellence of the district. Each dollar that was requested by the building principals or department heads was justified with a detailed explanation for each of their requests. The drivers of this budget continue to be increasing enrollment, supporting student centered learning through current levels of services and identifying areas for improvement, incorporating the negotiated contractual obligations, specifically the recently negotiated teachers contract, and the fixed costs increases.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Darien Board of Education and our Administration, it is my pleasure to submit to you our 2015-2016 Recommended Budget of \$90,722,526, an increase of 2.93% over the 2014-2015 Budget for your approval this evening. The Personnel expenses for the 2015- 2016 Budget increase 3.22%, while the total operating expenses increase is 1%. After the Board of Education presented its original budget to the Board of Finance, which was an increase of 3.22%, the Board and Administration made the decision to again re-bid our healthcare insurance plan for our employees. We were able to deliver to the Board of Finance an additional savings of \$250,000 that brought our budget increase down to 2.93%.

The Board of Education is also submitting a capital project Budget for 2015-2016 of \$2,475,085 in priority one projects. Included in that number are the capital projects of paving and additional work for the heating system at 35 Leroy that has been carved off for bonding.

The Administration and Board of Education is committed to providing an excellent education for all children of Darien. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board of Education for their work and determination in balancing their fiscal responsibility and the needs of our students throughout the budget process. We would like to thank Dr. Lynne Pierson and her team of Administrators who have rolled up their sleeves and developed the 2015-2016 Budget that you are receiving this evening. Mr. Michael Feeney, Director of Finance and Operations, Dr. Michael Cicchetti, Interim Director of Human Resources, Mr. John Verre, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Debi Farber, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, and each and every Principal and Department head in our schools for their contributions to the budget process.

We would like to thank the members of the Board of Finance, RTM-Education, Finance & Budget Committees, and especially all of our parents who have spent countless hours with us in our many meetings, listening to presentations, preparing for and challenging the Board of Education on the best way to serve our most important population, our students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge Dr. Lynne Pierson for committing her time and leadership to our children over the past two years. Dr. Pierson took on an enormous task and has worked non-stop on restructuring the Darien Public School District. Her motivation has only been the education and well-being of the children of Darien. We still have more change to come but through Dr. Pierson's leadership, our new Superintendent, Dr. Dan Brenner, will be taking over a district that can now be taken to a new level. Please continue to show your support for the children of Darien by approving the 2015-2016 Board of Education Budget increase of 2.93 %, which proves that we strive to continue our excellence in the classroom while balancing the financial needs of our town.

Submitted:

Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross
Darien Board of Education – Chairman
5/11/15

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Item C – Total Appropriations for the Town of Darien Budget

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee.

I move of RTM Resolution (15-9) "Section C" Authorizing and Approving the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 Budget.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of this part of the Resolution.

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Item D – Appropriations for Transfer of Funds

I move of RTM Resolution (15-9) "Section D" Authorizing and Approving the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 Budget.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of this part of the Resolution.

This item includes 6 different appropriations from different funds. All but one of the appropriations are "self-funding" which means the fund that collects the revenues, user fees or taxes automatically feeds the expenses for the services which it provides.

The only items that affects our property taxes is the transfer related to the "Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures" of \$4.3mm. This amount includes the Board of Education and Town Capital items that were approved in Item A of the resolution earlier tonight.

At our meeting on Monday, May 4th, 2015 the F&B Committee with 9 of 13 members present, voted 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve all of the appropriations.

**** Return Floor to Moderator ****

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Item E – Mill Rate

I move of RTM Resolution (15-9) "Section E" Authorizing and Approving the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 Budget.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of this part of the Resolution.

This item sets the mill rate that is used for collecting taxes during the coming fiscal year. Assuming no changes to the proposed budget, the mill rate will be 15.35 based on the \$8.4 billion Grand List and a 98.9% tax collection assumption. The current grand list is 1.5% higher than the prior year's Grand List of \$8.25 billion.

As a reminder, the mill rate is the result of dividing the adopted budget, less non-property tax revenues, less contributions from cash reserves by the assumed grand list, reduced by certain abatements and adjusted for the expected collection rate. That number is then multiplied by 1,000.

The numerator is \$137.5mm budget less \$11.1mm or non-property tax revenues leaves \$126.4mm of property taxes that the town will collect.

The denominator is a \$8.4bn grand list, less tax abatements for a net grand list of \$8.3bn. This is then multiplied by 98.9% to adjust for the assumed collection rate which produced an adjusted grand list of \$8.bn.

Divide \$126.4mm by \$8.23bn and then multiply by 1,000 and you have the 15.35 proposed mill rate.

At our meeting on Monday, May 4th, 2015, the F&B Committee voted to approve the mill rate that would be necessary to fund the budget. The votes were 7 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstentions.

**** Return Floor to Moderator ****

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Item F – \$5mm Bonding Resolution

I move of RTM Resolution (15-9) "Section F" Authorizing and Approving the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 Budget.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of this part of the Resolution.

This authority is part of each annual budget Resolution. It authorizes the Town to make short term borrowings up to \$5mm without the need of RTM approval. This allows the Town to fund the budget in the event that there is a timing difference between tax collections and expenditures. Although the Town has not needed to utilize this authority in recent history, it gives them the necessary flexibility.

The Committee met on May 4th, 2015 with 9 of 13 members present, comprising a quorum and unanimously approved Item F.

Laura's Notes from May 5, 2015 PH&S Special Meeting

Present:

Mac Patrick
Laura Mosher
Nina Miller
Bill Peters
Holly Schultz
Gary Swenson

6 of 17 members present

Guests:

Officer Mulcahy
Officer Ehret
Capt. Pavia
Sarah Seeley
Kate Busch

> Darien Police Marine Division

Darien Finance Department, Director

Police boat is in the water 365 days a year. Climate takes its toll on the condition of the boat.

The electrical wiring is corroding. The rubber bumper has hardened. It has no night vision capabilities. It has taken on water in its hull. It has 9 layers of paint on it. It is a recreational boat, it is not designed for police use. It would require \$114,000 to repair and give it the upgrades required and take this boat out of commission for 12 weeks.

The boat that the police department would like to purchase is located in Rhode Island. It has a 20 year lifespan. It will have larger engines, new technology be 25% more fuel efficient. It is a commercial boat designed for a police marine unit.

Darien has the 3rd largest boating community in CT per capita.

Stamford and Norwalk each have 3 boats

Greenwich has 2

The Darien police marine unit works 11 – 7 in the summer

Bonding:

10 year Bond would cover 3/1 million in projects

payment would be \$300,000 per year /principle

\$60,000/interest

keep debt service budget steady

1/75% interest

Vote:

5 in favor

1 opposed

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**(15-10) RTM RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$285,000 TO FINANCE THE
PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE BOAT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
BONDS AND NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,000**

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the RTM Finance and Budget Committee.

PH&S has discussed many of the aspects of this acquisition so I will focus my report on the financial aspects of the resolution.

The cost of the proposed police marine patrol is \$285,000 after accounting for a \$50,000 trade-in value for its current boat.

The current boat is 9 years old and in need of significant repairs and maintenance that the marine patrol estimates at \$71,100. There is also additional emergency equipment, including night vision that aids in dealing with an emergency situation at night and side sonar that permits the officers to find a body in the water, that the department wants to install and totals \$43,000. This brings the total required reinvestment to \$114,100 for a boat that is currently 9 years old, has a trade-in value of \$50,000 and a limited remaining useful life.

I spoke to the manufacturer of the boat that the police are planning to purchase and they confirmed its appropriateness for the mission and that a number of other police marine units in our area are purchasing this type of boat. They specifically indicated that Westport is in the process of purchasing a slightly larger version with larger engines but that Darien had opted for the smaller version, with smaller engines that would fit into its existing dock space at the boat club, eliminating additional reconfiguration or relocation costs. The new boat would include the same night vision and side sonar that is being proposed in the new boat, have larger 300 hp engines, a scuba and victim retrieval door and a full wrap-around bumper that will allow it to quickly tie up to and secured a vessel without damaging the other boat.

As opposed to the existing boat, which is designed more as a pleasure craft, the proposed new boat has an aluminum hull and is specifically designed for use in police marine patrol. The boat, which has military and security variants, is expected to have a 20-30 year useful life and will come with a warranty from the manufacturer.

The Board of Finance removed this capital item from the Board of Selectman's operating budget because they want to take advantage of low interest rates and the long expected useful life of the boat to finance its acquisition by way of the issuance of bonds. Based on today's interest rates and an assumed 10-year bond amortization the boat would add approximately \$31,700 in annual debt service (assuming 2% interest rate). Also the

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combination of this purchase and other capital projects would create a bond size that was economical to justify the cost of bonding and move forward with.

The boat, engines and other necessary emergency equipment associated with this purchase are not inexpensive assets, but they are ones which our police department feels is necessary to provide their officers with the right equipment to provide police and emergency patrol to boaters in and around Darien waters.

On May 4th, 2015 with 9 of 13 members present, comprising a quorum voted 8 in favor and 1 against to recommend to the full RTM that the acquisition of the boat and issuance of bonds, be approved.

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**(15-11) RTM RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$220,000 TO FINANCE THE
PURCHASE AND INSTALLTION OF A HYDRONIC BASEBOARD HEATING SYSTEM
AT 35 LEROY AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND
NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000**

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the RTM Finance and Budget Committee.

I move RTM Resolution (15-11) Appropriating \$220,000 to finance the purchase and installation of a hydronic baseboard heating system at 35 Leroy Avenue and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$220,000

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

The new BOE headquarters at 35 Leroy have had issues relating to heating since the staff moved in nearly 18 months ago. When the building was renovated, the perimeter heating was removed because the engineer at the time figured that the roof units would be sufficient to heat all the occupied spaces – the engineer was wrong. The offices are cold, the heating is very uneven and the staff is uncomfortable. The project needs to be completed to properly regulate the heat. If you have any question as to whether it is cold in the building, talk to the employees that have to use space heaters to keep warm.

New baseboard heat will be installed around the perimeter and fueled by two gas boilers in the basement.

The town expects that it will be eligible to apply for reimbursement of at least 20% of this project through the DEEP.

On May 4th, 2015 with 9 of 13 members present, comprising a quorum voted unanimously to recommend to the full RTM that the installation of the heat system and the issuance of bonds, be approved.

RTM Heating

Good evening, I am Peter Kelly of district 1, Vice Chairman of the RTM Education Committee.

Without objection I propose waiving of the reading of the motion. Seeing none I move 15-11 to finance the purchase and installation of a hydronic baseboard heating system at 35 Leroy and authorizes the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$220,000.

The committee met on 27 April with 11 of 16 members present to discuss the proposal. The committee voted 5 in favor and 6 opposed.

The committee voted down the proposal more on a stance than an opposition. The members who were opposed feel the town should pay for the heating as this was part of the original shuffle and should not be part of the BOE responsibility. The committee agrees the heating needs to be addressed as every office in the building has portable heaters, they just want the town to be responsible for the payment. We realize that the money comes from the same place and this is a question more about approving the ability to bond than the project itself,, yet the committee wanted to send a message that they are not happy with the end result.

The committee took an informal poll after the vote and most who voted to oppose the vote in committee will vote to approve in the general RTM meeting. It was about sending a message of unhappiness than not wanting to go forward with the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kelly

P Kelly
5/11/15

Good evening.

My name is *Mark Adiletta* and I am Chair of the Public Works Committee to the RTM.

At this time I would like to move Item **15-12** Appropriating \$705,000 and issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount for various paving and parking lot improvements.

Without objection I move to waive the reading of the Resolution.

On behalf of the PWC I present to the RTM for their consideration and ratification Item **15-12**.

At our regular meeting April 27th, with 8 of 12 members present, PWC considered and voted unanimously to recommend this item to the full RTM for approval.

Background:

Director of District Facilities and Operations for the Darien Public Schools had put forth 3 of 5 projects included in this item.

- Royle - paving all black top play areas and parking lots - \$85,000 The current blacktop dates back 20 years.
- 35 Leroy - paving parking lot in the rear; paving black top; changing fixtures to LED, and add some screening - \$80,000
- Ox Ridge - paving North side access road and small staff parking area which dates back to 1996 - \$25,000

The other two projects are:

- Center Street - paving, curbing and sidewalks; 12 light poles and 16 fixtures as well as re-wiring electricity - \$300,000
- Leroy West - repaving approximately 4,000 square yards and replacing 12 lights with LED lights - \$212,000

Ed Gentile, the Director of Public Works, was on hand at our meeting to answer questions. The committee questioned how necessary the projects were. It was explained the paving in these areas has a typical life expectancy of 20-25 years. ~~It was clear Mr. Gentile would not have brought them forward if they were not necessary.~~ *repair & s/b done* All will need *are in need of* doing sooner or later. The PW Director had discussed these projects with Board of Finance and their Chair, Liz Mao, and decided to roll the Public Works projects in with the Board of Education projects at this time to realize cost savings in the bids. ~~It was also noted that with the price of oil, a key component of asphalt, low, there has been some marginal decline in the cost of such projects, though not as much as one would have expected.~~

The committee questioned how such projects are normally funded. The committee understands that in the past these have been funded through the Capital Fund. That said it is not out of the ordinary in other towns to bond such LT capital projects. Committee members were concerned this bonding gives the appearance the Town is spending less in the overall town budget when in reality bonds for the current projects will need to be repaid out of future year's budgets. This became a key discussion point. That said the

committee focused on the merits of the projects, is not necessarily opposed to bonding such projects and defers to F&B for more clarity on this aspect.

The Committee wishes to thank Mr. Gentile for his assistance.

The Public Works Committee asks that you vote “Yes” and ratify Item **15-12** to support the projects at this time.

Thank you.

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**(15-12) RTM RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$705,000 FOR VARIOUS PAVING
AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$705,000**

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the RTM Finance and Budget Committee.

This resolution covers 2 town parking lot improvements and 3 BOE school paving projects.

\$212,000 - Leroy West Paving & Lighting – This includes the repaving of the back half of the Leroy West parking lot that was not completed a few years ago when the front half was paved due to asphalt prices doubling. The project will also include installation of new LED lights.

\$300,000 - Center Street North Paving & Lighting – This project will repave the Center Street parking lot (behind Darien Social) and install lighting and sidewalks and curbs as needed.

\$85,000 - Royle School – Paving of the play areas at Royle school that are currently cracked and 20 years old.

\$25,00 - Ox Ridge School – Paving of an access road that has had multiple projects tear it up and patch it and it is in need of repair

\$80,000 - 35 Leroy Avenue – Paving of the rear parking lot which is in poor conditions with many areas where the asphalt has completely broken down.

On May 4th, 2015 with 9 of 13 members present, comprising a quorum voted unanimously to recommend to the full RTM that the paving and parking lot projects and the issuance of bonds, be approved.

RTM paving

I am Peter Kelly of district 1 and Vice Chair of the RTM Educational committee.

The RTM Education Committee met on 27 April 2015 with 12 of 16 members present to discuss the motion. Also present were members of the Administration and members of the BOE.

The committee voted 10 in favor with 2 opposed to support 15-12 for the appropriation of \$705,000 for paving and parking lot improvements and authorizes the issuance of bonds and notes .

The members who opposed felt the improvements at 35 Leroy should not be part of the BOE. Those in favor felt the improvements ~~and paving at schools, 35 Leroy, and other town properties is a great deal with low cost interest and~~ ^{payment} ~~the need to improve parking lots.~~ ^{are needed and with interest rates} ~~low~~

^{Here is a} ~~interest rates~~ ^{are needed and with interest rates} ~~low~~ ^{low} ~~it was prudent to do the work at this time.~~

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kelly

P Kelly
5/11/15

Royal \$85K
35 Leroy \$80K
Ox Ridge \$65K

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**(15-13) RTM RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$444,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION
OF FORMER SENIOR CENTER ON EDGERTON STREET**

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the RTM Finance and Budget Committee.

I move RTM Resolution (15-13) Appropriating \$444,000 for the demolition of former Senior Center on Edgerton Street.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

With the relocation of the senior center to the newly renovated Mather Center, the former senior center on Edgerton Road has remained empty for almost a year. The building is old, is not fit for renovation and has no immediate intended uses.

As part of the project formerly known as "The Shuffle", there was a group considering building affordable senior housing at the site, but it has not developed and the group has disbanded. The BOE has not yet decided if it will need the site as part of any potential expansion, but has confirmed that it does not need the building.

The town has chosen Pat Munger Construction from Branford to demolish the building and haul away the debris. The price is based on the price competitively negotiated by the Capital Region Counsel of Governments (or COG) for "Indefinite Quantity Construction". Basically, the COG chose the best of 18 different bids based on various project metrics and then all members of the COG (which Darien is one of them) can leverage the pricing that the COG negotiated for it's own projects.

The Board of Finance has chosen to fund this project from the Town's current cash reserves rather than increase taxes.

On May 4th, 2015 with 9 of 13 members present, comprising a quorum voted unanimously to recommend to the full RTM the resolution be approved.

RTM Resolution 15-13

Appropriation of \$444,000 for Demolition of 30 Edgerton

PZ&H Committee Report 05/11/2015

The Planning Zoning & Housing Committee met on Monday, April 27 with 12 of 14 members present constituting a quorum. While we all agree that the building on Edgerton Street is a safety hazard and must come down, we are not pleased that this is now a Town expense. Three years ago when the RTM approved the "Shuffle", Edgerton Street was earmarked for senior affordable housing. Town residents were told that the demolition of the building would be paid by the developers of the project for no cost to the Town. Therefore this cost was not included in the Shuffle budget. At that time the Board of Education declared publicly that they did not want or need the property. This was an important concession because it enabled continued planning for new units of affordable housing that would more than replace those lost in the Shuffle. That was the intent of the "Shuffle" project. It was to be an elegant solution resulting in needed renovations to Town Hall, a new Community Center, and senior affordable housing. The weak link was always moving the Board of Education to the \$4.5 million building at 35 Leroy. This weakness was overcome by a recognized need in Town for senior affordable housing and the fact that the basement in Town Hall already required substantial repair work.

The reasons for the Edgerton project stalling out have never been made clear. Certainly in 2012 a number of neighbors voiced concern over the preliminary plans and sketches for the project. Most new building projects in Town usually meet with initial objections from the neighbors – which is understandable. The 35 Leroy affordable housing plan initially met with a lot of objections. But by working with neighbors and developers a plan was conceived that was acceptable. It wasn't ideal to many, but it found enough support to move forward. We have no doubt that by again working with neighbors an acceptable plan can be developed for Edgerton Street.

A number of members on our Committee felt strongly that the senior affordable housing option at Edgerton should remain a priority and be pursued at that site. They wanted to bring this to the attention of the RTM. As a committee we were unanimous in voting to approve the demolition.

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**(15-14) RTM RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$35,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF
32 HOYT STREET**

I am James Palen, District 6 and Chair of the RTM Finance and Budget Committee.

I move RTM Resolution (15-14) Appropriating \$35,000 for the demolition of 35 Hoyt Street.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

Last year, the RTM voted to acquire the 32 Hoyt Street property and modified the resolution to require that the building be torn down. At the time, the town did not have an firm bid for the demolition cost of the property because it did not yet know what it would do with the property

The town has chosen Pat Munger Construction from Branford to demolish the building and haul away the debris. The price is based on the price competitively negotiated by the Capital Region Counsel of Governments (or COG) for "Indefinite Quantity Construction". Basically, the COG chose the best of 18 different bids based on various project metrics and then all members of the COG (which Darien is one of them) can leverage the pricing that the COG negotiated for it's own projects.

The Board of Finance has chosen to fund this project from the Town's current cash reserves rather than increase taxes.

On May 4th, 2015 with 9 of 13 members present, comprising a quorum voted unanimously to recommend to the full RTM the resolution be approved.

Thank you.

James Palen
Chair, RTM Finance & Budget Committee
May 11, 2015